



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Joe Stecher and the Omaha Police Department announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

Antonio Rigberto Frausto was sentenced on May 5, 2009, to 20 years imprisonment following his conviction for conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of methamphetamine by the Honorable Joseph F. Bataillon, United States District Judge. Mr. Frausto was also placed on five years of supervised release following his release from incarceration and ordered to pay a \$100 special assessment.

Frausto was arrested with four other men during the execution of a search warrant at a trailer park near Lake Manawa, Iowa, on October 21, 2006. Seized during the search was a pound of methamphetamine, a .44 Taurus magnum, over \$5,000 dollars and the defendant's vehicle. Evidence at trial from co-conspirators indicated that the defendant had been distributing "ice" methamphetamine for approximately six weeks prior to the October arrest. The defendant's drug trafficking took place in both Council Bluffs and Omaha.

Name of Defendant: Antonio Rigberto Frausto

AKA:

Age: 20

City of residence: Unknown

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Imprisonment of 10 years to life, \$4,000,000 fine, or both such imprisonment and fine, at least 5 years of supervised release and \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime:

Location of Arrest: Albuquerque, New Mexico

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: 500 grams or more of methamphetamine

Others Charged in Same Scheme:

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: At least as early as April 3, 2006, and continuing through October 21, 2006

Federal Arrest Date: 6/12/08

Date Complaint Issued: N/A

Indictment Returned Date: 7/14/08

Initial Appearance Date: 9/12/08

Plea or Trial and Date(s): Trial Jan. 26 and 28-29, 2009

Sentencing Date: 5/5/09

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: N/A

Assigned Magistrate Judge: F. A. Gossett

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: Held

In Continuous Custody Since: 6/12/08

Assigned District Court Judge: Joseph F. Bataillon

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